

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, please replace the first paragraph, lines 5-8, with the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/947,060, filed September 6, 2001, which is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/449,936, filed November 19, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,549,812. This patent application hereby incorporates by reference herein, in its entirety, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/449,934, filed November 29, 1999, entitled "Medical Electrical Lead Having Variable Bending Stiffness" to Smits (Attorney Docket No. P-8975), now U.S. Patent No. 6,556,873.